THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deposits Status of Aluminium, Copper Granite, Lead and Zinc

3110. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the present deposits status of aluminium, copper, granite, lead and zinc in each State and Union Territories as on 20th April, 1997;

(b) whether Government propose to take some steps to increase deposits position of each mineral in each State and Union Territories;

(c) if so, the the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) As per the information available, the State-wise total recoverable reserves of bauxite (i.e. for aluminium), copper, granite, lead and zinc deposits is indicated in the statement (See below). The reserve position as on 20.4.97 has not yet been compiled.

(b) to (d) yes, Sir, Systematic and concerted efforts for mineral exploration to increase deposit position throughout the country has been planned by Geological Survey of India, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd., State Governments and other exploiting agencies in the Central and State sectors. The resource appraisal of these minerals would add to the existing level of inventories in the know mineralised belts. The National Mineral Policy, 1993 envisages the initiative and flow of private and foregn capital for exploation and exploitation of minerals.

Statement

Deposits Status of Aluminium, Copper, Grantite, Lead and Zinc

State	Total Reserves
MINERAL - BAUXITE (UNIT-THOUSAND TONNES)*	
1. Andhra Pradesh	592001.00
2. Bihar	61104.00
3. Goa	28089.00
4. Gujarat	107744.00
5. Jammu & Kashmir	1783.00
6. Karnataka	27416.00
7. Kerala	7923.00
8. Madhya Pradesh	140791.00
9. Maharashtra	87250.00
10. Meghalaya	896.00
11. Orissa	1442276.00
12. Rajasthan	319.00
13. Tamil Nadu	18327.00
14. Uttar Pradesh	9420.00
MINERAL - COPPER (UNIT - THOUSAND TONNES) (as on 1.4.93)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	12028
Ore	
Metal	137
2. Bihar	113823
Ore	1149
Metal	
3. Gujarat	
Ore	8124
Metal	78
4. Karanataka	
Ore	5386
Metal	42
5. Madhya Pradesh	
Ore	180633
Metal	1752
6. Maharashtra	
Ore	606
Metal	9
7. Meghalaya	
Ore	616
Metal	5
8. Orissa	
Ore	3226
Metal	31
9. Rajasthan	
Ore	89346
Metal	908
10. Sikkim	
Ore	880
Metal	13
11. Uttar Pradesh	
Ore	1120
Metal	18
12. West Bengal	
Ore	97
Metal	1

State	Total Reserves
MINERAL LEAD & ZINC (RESERVES AS ON 1.4.93) UNIT THOUSAND TONNES)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Ore	1866
Lead Metal	70
2. Gujarat	
Ore	7875
Lead Metal	163
Zinc Metal	332
3. Madhya Pradesh	
Ore	615
Zinc Metal	26
4. Meghalaya	
Ore	660
Lead Metal	6
Zinc Metal	7
5. Orissa	
Ore	2167
Lead Metal	79
6. Rajasthan	
Ore	168159
Lead Metal	1997
Zinc Metal	9371
7. Sikkim	
Ore	529
Lad Metal	5
Zinc Metal	9
8. Tamil Nadu	
Ore	462
Lead Metal	3
Zinc Metal	17
9. Uttar Pradesh	
Ore	1200
Lead Metal	17
Zinc Metal	37
10. West Bengal	
Ore	2781
Lead Metal	50
Zinc Metal	67
MINERAL GRANITE (UNIT - THOUSAND CUBIC METRES)*	
1. Assam	205520
2. Bihar	90569
3. Haryana	13600
4. Karnataka	195386
5. Kerala	30
6. Maharashtra	80828
7. Rajasthan	7
8. Tamil Nadu	16679
9. West Bengal	4320

Besides the above states granite (Dimension Stone) is also occuring in the States of A.P., Gujarat, M.P. Meghalaya and uttar Pradesh where the reserves have not been intimated and in orissa the resources are of prospective and progenestic category.

* National Mineral Inventory as on 1.4.1990

Iron Ore Mining by NMDC in Karnataka

3111. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total area taken on lease for mining of Iron Ore in Karnataka by the National Mineral Development Corporation;

(b) whether the NMDC is exploition the entire area or has surrendered certain areas;

(c) if so, how much area has been surrendered;

(d) whether Government of Karnataka is free to lease such surrendered area to others for iron ore mining;

(e) whether it is a fact that the NMDC is not giving no objection certifcate for leasing of the surrendered land; and

(f) why Government of India insist for NOC from NMDC for land which it has already surrendered?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The total area of lease taken for mining Iron ore in Karnataka State by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is 2660.85 hects.

(b and (c) A total area of 1405.35 hects. has been surrendered by NMDC.

(d) State Government is free to grant mineral concession as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder. The grants are also subject to necessary forest and environmental clearances as per provisions of law.

(e) and (f) As per guidelines No. 7/30/92-M. V. dated 13.11.1992 Minister of Mines has to consult Ministry of Steel before granting prospecting licence/mining lease for steel input (ferrous) minerals.